

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24 are presently active in this case. The foregoing amendment amends Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24 and provides a substitute specification to correct misspellings of the word "pallet." Claims 1-3 and 6-22 were previously canceled. Support for the amendments to Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24 is self-evident. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not reciting method steps.

Regarding the objections to Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24, these claims are amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggested language provided to Applicants' representative during a telephone interview conducted on December 19, 2005. Specifically, Claims 4, 5, 23, and 24 are amended to include clauses beginning with "ing" verbs and to correct misspellings of the word "pallet" where appropriate.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendments, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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